GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
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Polavaram Project Cost
Reddy Shri Ch. Malla

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is to bear the Polavaram project cost in full in line with the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014;
(b) if so, the details of the estimated cost and funds released to the State for the said project so far; and
(c) the manner in which the Union Government proposes to help the State Government on a pro-active basis to realise the dream of Polavaram by 2018?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

(Dr. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) As per the Ministry of Finance Office Memorandum No. F. No. 1(2)/PF-I/2014 (Pt) dated 30.09.2016, the Central Government will provide 100% of the balance cost of the irrigation component of the project for the period starting from 01.04.2014, to the extent of the cost of the Irrigation component on that date.

(b) The estimated cost of Polavaram irrigation Project is Rs. 16,010.45 crore (at 2010-11 price level). The details of the fund released are as below:

(i) Polavaram Irrigation Project was included under AIBP during the year 2008-09. The release of funds through Central Assistance under AIBP is as below:

S. No. Year Central assistance Released (Rs. Cr.)
1 2008-09 225.00
2 2009-10 337.47
Total 562.47
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(ii) The project has been declared as National Project during 2014 as per Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014. The funds released to Polavaram Project Authority after declaration of National Project are as follows:

S. No. Year Fund Released
(Rs. Cr.)
1 2014-15 250.00
2 2015-16 600.00
3 2016-17 2081.54
Total 2931.54

(c) To provide requisite budget during current year, Ministry of Finance has approved proposal to provide Rs.2981.54 crore for this project through NABARD in addition to Rs.100 crore kept in the budget.

Further, to expedite the completion of projects, an Expert Committee and Dam Design Review Panel has been constituted to provide technical and strategic guidance for planning, design and related issues and suggest measures for timely execution, quality control aspects, etc.

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